

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

1. (currently amended) A combination snap lock device, extension and downspout in which said snap lock device hingedly secures said extension to said downspout, said combination comprising:

a first member of said snap lock device;

said first member including:

a head;

a shank extending from said head, said shank extending through a first hole defined by said extension and through a second hole defined by said downspout;

a second member cooperating with said first member;

said second member defining an aperture for the locking reception therein of said shank for locking said extension and downspout together;

a third member;

said third member including:

a further head;

a further shank extending from said further head, said further shank extending through a third hole spaced from said first hole and defined by said extension and through a fourth hole spaced from said second hole and defined by said downspout;

a fourth member cooperating with said third member;

said fourth member defining a further aperture for the locking reception therein of said further shank for locking said extension and downspout together so that folding of said extension against said downspout is permitted for facilitating yard maintenance;

said shank defining an annular ridge such that when said shank extends through said aperture of said second member, said annular ridge locks said second member relative to said first member;

said head being of disc shaped configuration;

said head being metallic;

said head being fabricated from ~~Aluminum~~ aluminum;

said shank being of cylindrical configuration;

said cylindrical shank having a proximal and a distal end and a cylindrical surface, said shank extending normal to said head;

said shank having a diameter which is less than a further diameter of said head;

said cylindrical surface defining said annular ridge such that when said shank extends through said aperture of said second member, said annular ridge locks said second member relative to said first member;

said second member being of disc shaped configuration;

~~said second member being fabricated from a plastics material;~~

said second member being fabricated from ~~NYLON~~ nylon; and

said second member having a first diameter which is the same as said further diameter of said head.

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14. (original) A tool device for attachment to a jaw of a pair of pliers for assisting fastening of a snap lock device as set forth in claim 1, said tool device comprising:

a cylindrical member having a first and a second face and a longitudinal axis and a cylindrical outer surface, said cylindrical member defining a coaxial bore extending between said first and second face;

said first face defining a slot which extends diametrically across said first face for the reception therein of the jaw of the pair of pliers;

said cylindrical member defining a threaded bore which extends normal to said slot, said threaded bore extending from said cylindrical outer surface to said slot;

a fastener cooperating with said threaded bore such that said fastener removably fastens said cylindrical member to the jaw of the pair of pliers;

said second face of said cylindrical member defining a cavity which is disposed coaxially relative to said longitudinal axis, said cavity having substantially the same dimensions as said second member, the arrangement being such that when a second member is disposed within said cavity, insertion of said shank within said aperture of said second member by the pliers is permitted.

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